of toilets; remodelling and augmentation of water supply; improving of sewerage system of Burns ward; and providing air conditioners in ICU & disaster room and 37 window type air conditioners in various other areas of the burns Ward.

Filling up the post of C.G.H.S. dispensary (Ayurvedic) sector XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi

3275. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the staff strength of CGHS dispensary (Ayurvedic Wing) of Sector-XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) the number and names of doctors having retired from the said dispensary during the last three years whose posts are still lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for which the posts have remained vacant for so long; and

(d) by when they will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The staff strength is indicated below:—

Medical Officer	—	3
Store Keeper	—	1
Pharmacist	—	1
Clerk	—	1
Nursing Orderly	—	2
Peon	—	1
Female Attendant	—	1
Safaiwala	—	1
Chowkidar	—	1

(b) Only one Ayurvedic Physician viz. Dr. (Smt.) D. Katoch, has retired from the said dispensary during the last three years viz. on 30.11.96. The post is lying vacant since then.

(c) and (d) Recruitment is made through the UPSC and the requisition for filling of the post has been placed. As soon as the UPSC's recommendation is received, further necessary action to fill up the post will be taken.

Implementation of agreement between administration and striking staff of S.J. Hospital

3276. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strike by Group 'C' & 'D' staff of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi which took place in October, 1996 was called off following an agreement signed by both the administration and the staff representatives on 15.11.1996;

(b) if so, what are the terms of said agreement;

(c) whether all the terms of agreement ware strictly implemented;

(d) if not, the reasons for non-implementation; and

(e) whether instructions have been issued for immediate implementation of the whole of the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of understanding includes agreement to formulate proposals for cadre review, promotional avenue to Drivers, increase in patient care allowance, re-designation of various posts; renovation of staff quarter, introduction of Night duty allowance to the staff, payment of conveyance and non-servicing allowance to the staff and revocation of suspension order, withdrawal of all the cases under ESMA.

(c) to (e) The hospital authorities have taken steps to implement the various clauses of the Memorandum of Understanding. However, it is stated that the 5th Central Pay Commission has submitted its reports and pending final decision on its recommendations, it has been advised by the Ministry of Finance not to take action on matters relating to revision of pay scales, allowances, creation/upgradation of posts, cadre

review/cadre restructuring etc.

UN Population Fund's Programme for India

3277. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Population Fund has offered a five year $ 100m. programme for India;

(b) if so, the details of the programme; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has approved assistance of US $ 100 million over the period 1997—2001 for India. The Projects to be taken up are being formulated, and will fall broadly into the following three categories:—

(i) Reproductive Health
(ii) Population and Development
(iii) Advocacy.

Transmission of Cancer in Hereditary Manner

3278. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the information available with Government about the transmission of cancer in hereditary manner and the role of the P 53 gene on the chromosomes;

(b) whether any research is going on in our country in this area; and

(c) how will this information help influence our cancer control strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Majority of cancers are spontaneous due to mutation or alternation of normal body genes. If such gene mutation occurs in sperms or ova, it results in hereditary cancers. Such mutations are not very common. P 53 gene supresses tumour development by controlling cell proliferation and genomic stability in the body, and mutation or deletion of this gene have also been observed to be associated with development of cancer.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The knowledge on genetic changes in cancer is still at research level and may not determine cancer control strategies at this stage.

Research on the Role of Testosterone in Body in the Process of Human Aging

3279. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether research on the role of Testosterone in the body in the process of human aging is being done in our country;

(b) if so, details thereof in terms of location and individuals engaged in it;

(c) what are the results obtained uptill now; and

(d) what steps will be taken to modify our policies towards the aged, based on this research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) No such research has been undertaken under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

(c) and (d) Studies conducted abroad on the effects of ageing on endocrine and metabolic functions have indicated that there is a gradual decline in serum